

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: J. Tracy Weed et al.

Application No.: 09/752,809

Art Unit.: 3629

Filing Date: 12/27/2000

Examiner: Michael J. Fisher

For: "Manufacruting Integrated Circuits"

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Date: January 22, 2007

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
2. **STATUS:** Applicant is other than a small entity.
3. **EXTENSION OF TERM:** The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
4. **FEE FOR CLAIMS:** The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col.1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	LARGE ENTITY	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee
Total	69	Minus	71	= 0	x \$50 =	\$0
Indep.	3	Minus	5	= 0	x \$200 =	\$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$360 =	\$0
					Total Addit. Fee	\$0

No additional fee for claims is required.

5. **FEE DEFICIENCY:** If any additional extension and/or fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0574.

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Applicants: J. Tracy Weed et al.

Assignee: Synopsys, Inc.

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments:

Claims 1-25 and 28-71 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-25 and 28-71 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being rendered obvious by "National Security and the Semiconductor Industry" (Dallmeyer).

No claims are amended herein.